



WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Field Operation Rule Interpretation

Question: Can Card Room Employees Commingle Chips with the House Bank?

CITE: WAC 230-40-070 (2)(3)

SUMMARY

Issue:

A card room employee (CRE) is assigned a working bank at the beginning of the shift to facilitate the play of the card game. The CRE is responsible for this bank and must turn in the exact amount as issued to them at the beginning of the shift.

Can the CRE commingle any tips received from patrons with this working bank?

No. All monies taken in on chips sold and fees collected will be kept separate and apart from all other money received by the licensee.

Can a CRE use a portion of these chips to play in a card game while working or on break without first paying for the chips?

No. All chips must be sold for cash and a licensee will not extend credit of any nature to a person purchasing chips.

Reasoning/Decision:

WAC 230-40-070 states that licensees are required to sell chips to all players desiring to buy them and redeem all chips at the value for which they were sold. The licensee must collect the money taken in on chips sold and fees collected and keep these funds separate and apart from all other money received by the licensee.

Chips shall be sold for cash only and a licensee cannot extend credit of any nature to a person purchasing chips. Each receipt by a person of a quantity of chips from the licensee shall be a separate transaction for the purpose of this rule.

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